(*e*) whether the annual income derived by the Travancore Government from the above transaction is a sum of forty thousand rupees ; and

(*f*) whether there are any means of enhancing this income ?

Mr. K. N. Kesava Pillai : (*a*) and (*b*) Government have no information.

(*c*) 8000 acres or thereabouts.

(*d*) None.

(*e*) It is Br. Rs. 42,964-13/6.

(*f*) The lease is for 999 years from the 1st January 1886.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam : ൻൻ കൊല്ലം എന്നാണോ അതല്ല ൻൻൻ കൊല്ലമെന്നാണോ; ഏതാണ്?

Mr. K. N. Kesava Pillai: ൻൻൻ-കൊല്ലംതന്നെയാണ്.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam : ഇതുപോലെ ദീർഘകാലത്തേക്കുള്ള ഒരു ഉടമ്പടി എവിടെയെങ്കിലും കൊടുത്തിട്ടുള്ളതായി അറിയാമോ?

Mr. K. N. Kesava Pillai: ധാരാളമുണ്ട്.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam : അങ്ങിനെ കൊടുത്തിട്ടുള്ള ഏതെങ്കിലും ഒരു ഉടമ്പടി കാണിക്കാമോ?

Mr. K. N. Kesava Pillai: ഉള്ളതായി പറയാൻ ഇപ്പോൾ ഓർമ്മയില്ല.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam : ഇവിടെയുള്ള മറേതെങ്കിലും ഒരു ഉടമ്പടിയെപ്പറ്റി പറയാമോ?

Mr. K. N. Kesava Pillai: ഇവിടെ ഉണ്ടെന്നു പറഞ്ഞില്ല.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam : ഇവിടത്തെ സംഗതിയെപ്പറ്റിയാണു ചോദിച്ചത്.

Mr. K. N. Kesava Pillai: വേറെ ഇവിടെ ഉള്ളതായി അറിവില്ല.

The Tenkasi-Virudunagar Railway.

97. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether a branch of the Tenkasi-Virudunagar Railway runs through Shencotta ;

(*b*) whether this line was not completed during the time of Dewan Mr. V. S. Subrahmanya Aiyar ;

(*c*) whether the Dewan was aware of these facts ;

(*d*) what were the reasons which induced the Government to keep quiet over the matter then ;

(*e*) whether anybody has at any time brought these matters to the notice of Government ; and

(*f*) what was the decision of Government thereon ?

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Rao Bahadur Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: (*a*) No,

(*b*) No.

(*c*) to (*f*) In view of the answer to question (*a*) these do not arise.

The Chief Engineer.

98. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam:** Will the Government be be pleased to state :

(*a*) how many years' service the Chief Engineer has in the Electrical Department;

(*b*) whether he has served either as a departmental head or otherwise in any place in a department other than the Electrical Department and like one he is now holding; and

(*c*) if so, the place or places and the years he so served ?

Rao Bahadur Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: (*a*) None.

(*b*) He held the position of Superintending Engineer in the Madras Government Service.

(*c*) Government do not consider it necessary to give a history of the services of Mr. Truscott prior to his appointment as Chief Engineer by this Government.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know from Government whether they have published a history of services about their officers ?

Rao Bahadur Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: Yes.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know whether in the case of officers whose services were borrowed, their period of service is shown in the history of services ?

Rao Bahadur Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: Not their service elsewhere.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know, whether the previous services of this officer will count for pension ?

Rao Bahadur Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: The present Chief Engineer does not get any pension.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know whether this Government is giving any contribution towards his pension ?

Rao Bahadur Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: No, Sir.

Death caused by electric shock.

99. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam:** Will the Government be pleased to State:

(*a*) whether the Electrical Engineer has given a reply that no deaths were caused by electric shock when I made a reference to it in my speech during the discussion of the demand for grants for Electrical Department at the last Budget Session of the Council.

(*b*) whether an employee in the power house at Kottayam died of electric shock soon after the above statement was made by the Electrical Engineer;

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